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LOST ARIZONA DOG TO BE REUNITED WITH HIS FAMILY

Animal Services Agencies Unite to Help Wayward Dog Get Home

WHAT:

A frisky, nine-month-old brindle Labrador mix named Zeus will be reunited with his family members, who are traveling to San Diego from Arizona to retrieve their dog.

Zeus ended up in California after escaping from his backyard in Casa Grande, Arizona. He was found by a couple of good Samaritans driving from North Carolina to San Francisco. They picked him up by the highway in Arizona and took him to the San Francisco Animal Care & Control. Staff there traced the dog's license back to Arizona and contacted the overjoyed and relieved owners.

Zeus' family was unable to travel to San Francisco to pick up their pet, but they are able to travel to San Diego to get Zeus.

WHEN:

Friday, May 13 at 12 p.m.

WHERE:

County of San Diego Animal Services
Kroc-Copley Shelter
5480 Gaines Street in San Diego

BACKGROUND: Several California animal control agencies are taking part in the automotive 'relay' to reunite Zeus with his family. Staff members from each agency are driving Zeus down the California coast – bit by bit. Zeus left San Francisco on Monday and made his way to the Monterey SPCA. From there, he traveled to Santa Barbara County Animal Services, then on to the City of Los Angeles West Valley shelter. From Los Angeles, he motored down to Long Beach Animal Control, then on to Orange County Animal Services, and then to the County of San Diego Animal Services' shelter in Carlsbad. The final leg of Zeus' incredible California journey ends in San Diego at the County's Kroc-Copley Animal Shelter. Then he'll be off again, this time with his family, to Arizona - home, sweet home.



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